

THE PASSPORT FRAUDS

TRACED TO A TEUTON OFFICIAL IN THE U. S.

Washington is confident that there will be convictions of agents. Chief Bielaski to see Dr. Josef Gorlick.

Washington, Nov. 16.—A Bruce Bielaski, chief of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice yesterday conferred with John Rothman, editor of The Providence, R. I. Journal, concerning the disclosures made by Dr. Josef Gorlick, former Austrian consul in this country.

It is understood the department has been assured by Mr. Rathman that it will be put in personal touch with Dr. Gorlick. Before Mr. Bielaski returns to Washington he will probably hold a conference with the former consul.

The department of justice is particularly interested in the portion of the recent statement by Dr. Gorlick, which declared that James J. Archibald was in the office of Consul-General Von Nuber when former Ambassador Dumba's correspondence and reports, which Archibald attempted to carry abroad, were prepared for him, and that consequently he knew the nature of the documents.

The Government also believes that if it can obtain convincing evidence against Archibald, this may lead to disclosures of even more vital importance.

There were strong intimations by a high official of the department of justice to-day that the case against certain diplomatic and consular officials accredited to this country is strengthening day by day. The opinion was expressed that, while the acts which they and their associates attempted to commit were more spectacular than the offense of Franz Melloy, now under indictment in New York, the case of the latter is of much greater importance in its ramifications.

Melloy will soon be brought to trial. The Government has its evidence well in hand and believes conviction will follow. Melloy was associated with Rentlin, a German agent of prominence and influence. His arrest back to Germany with Rentlin, the latter traveling under a false passport. Rentlin was arrested in England, while Melloy was sent back to this country. The evidence gathered for the prosecution of Melloy in connection with passport frauds carries the attention of the country to the attempt of counter-revolution by Huerta in Mexico, for the purpose of embarrassing the United States.

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State department officials say the new revelation concerning the alleged actions of Austrian Consul-General Von Nuber have not yet come before the department of justice, following the investigations that are now under way. Secret agents of the department of justice are now at work on every angle of the case.

GERMANY IS STIRRED

Because Britain Refuses to Pass Medicines. Berlin, Nov. 17.—(Wireless via Sayville)—Under the heading "British humanity" the overseas News Agency issued the following: "The semi-official Norde Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung publishes a letter from the American Red Cross to the president of the German Red Cross stating that the American Red Cross is unable to send to Germany certain medical supplies since the British Government has refused to permit their exportation. The American Red Cross further states that it will now ask the British Government directly for permission to pass these medicines."

"If the American Red Cross cannot obtain the British government's permission to transport these supplies to German hospitals, no other government in the future will receive supplies of this kind since the American Red Cross takes the view that it will be impossible to send to one country things that cannot be sent to another."

"The Norde Deutsche Zeitung adds that the British Government has reached the stage of pettifoggery in its attitude toward Germany. It likens it to the British practice of transporting war material on hospital ships under the label of soft soap, regarding which practice sworn statements are in German hands."

Machine Gun Contributions. Toronto News.—The Daily Star's Ottawa correspondent says: "After being encouraged for four months to contribute toward the Machine Gun Fund, and after contributions to the amount of over a million and a half dollars have been subscribed as a consequence, the public is informed by the Government that no appeal for such contribution was made by the Government and that no machine guns are required." We know of nothing to support the statement that the movement for machine gun contributions was supported by the Government. Early in the campaign The Daily News, after inquiry at Ottawa, discouraged the movement, declaring that all machine guns necessary would be provided by the Government, and suggested that the money offering for this purpose should be reserved for patriotic and relief service.

Church Union Vote in Hamilton. Hamilton, Nov. 17.—In the first five of the Presbyterian congregations to vote on church union in Hamilton, namely, St. John, Central, Knox, Calvin, and St. Paul's, majorities have been given against the union movement. It seems certain now that the city as a whole will vote against union, as the churches above referred to have all changed materially since the last vote was taken. The majority against the movement thus far is in the neighborhood of 700.

THE ETERNAL FEMININE

Fashions of 4,000 Years Ago Coming Back Into Style.

Fashions 4,000 years old are now being revived, according to archaeologists who have made studies of women's dress down the ages. A scholar well versed in the characteristics of the great civilization which has been laid bare by the excavations in Crete in the last 15 years, was strolling down the avenue the other afternoon when he stopped in amazement before the window of a well-known Fifth avenue costume store. There, on a form in the show window, was one of the newest fashions—a bodice drawn so tight about the waist, with a deep V at the throat and a high collar rising behind the neck, and a flaring skirt with four or five ruffles flaring over each other in almost the shape of a bell.

"Amazing!" he exclaimed to his companion, "Almost an exact replica of the false figures of the earth goddess which Sir Arthur Evans discovered at Knossos!" The companion, who had never heard of Sir Arthur Evans, Knossos, or an earth goddess, demanded that he be shown; so the archaeologist took him back to his study and showed him there a little figure—a copy of the original found in Crete—which had a strange similarity to the waxen lady in the window. There was a short-sleeved, tight-waisted bodice of dark orange, with purple ribbons; a heavy belt; and a flaring skirt with seven flounces, made in a checkerboard pattern of dark purple and light blue.

"That lady," said the archaeologist, "is either the earth goddess or one of her priestesses, and the figure was made probably 2,000 years before Christ. It was found in the remains of the capital of the Cretan kingdom, which was contemporaneous with the palmy days of Egypt and Babylon."

"This gown is a fair specimen of the general style of the dress of the Cretan woman of the upper classes. The flaring skirt, the narrow waist, the low-cut corsage—these are practically constant characteristics. They often wore transparent waists with heavier jackets over them, the general effect being strikingly modern."

"Hats were usually made with rather low crowns and wide brims, but, while in classical Greece and Rome there was little variation on that model, the Cretans had about as many kinds and conditions of hats as any age up to the present. Usually the brim was turned up before or behind, or all around, and there was considerable use of ribbons and other trimmings. A conical hat surrounded by a rolled brim and decorated with three rosettes sounds modern, but the model is 3,400 years old."

"Cretan women usually wore their hair in long ringlets down on the shoulders, generally leaving a devastating curl on the forehead, which, combined with their big, dark eyes, must have had a positively irresistible effect."

"The Cretans were expert shoemakers, too—far ahead of any other ancient people; and the elaborate nature of their dress shows found hardly any parallel in the subsequent history of the world until the epidemic of back and side lacings and colored scrollwork decorations, which fell on New York this spring."

"How about men's clothing?" the scientist was asked. "If women are coming around to the Cretan fashions, are not the men of our day likely to do the same?" "The scholar threw up his hands. "God forbid!" he cried. "In times of peace the men of Crete wore nothing much but shoes, a belt, and a loin cloth."

Motor Laundries in the War. One of the most progressive things in the war is the motor laundry for field hospital cars. It consists of four cars, the leading one being a powerful motor truck which carries the movable steam mangle. The second car has the complete steam outfit—boiler, machinery—also a drying cabinet and a disinfecting tank. The third car contains the washing machine, the drying drums, pumps for hot and cold water, and a condenser for steam in case the only available water is too hard for washing. The fourth car or truck brings along all the washing necessities—soap, soda, coal, gasoline, and tools. When stationary the trucks are formed in a horseshoe and covered by a tent. The motor when free of the mangle runs to and fro to gather up the soiled linen. Most of the things are wrung almost dry in the mangle, but the "woolies" want gentler treatment, so they are put in the drying cabinet which is heated by the motor.

Truth That Hurts. Miss Singwell had been a member of the choral society ever since it had been in existence and she had undoubtedly true that her first youth had waned. But the choirmaster was astounded recently by the news that she had resigned her membership.

"Resigned?" he gasped. "But what for?" "I don't know exactly," said the secretary, "but it strikes me that it may have something to do with the solo we picked for her at the next performance."

"Why? What is it?" "Don't you remember? It begins, 'Once was young, but now am old.'"

Human Nature Always the Same. One evening a little boy entered a grocery store and handed the clerk a note which read: "I am a poor woman and have no money. My children and I are starving. Won't you give us something to eat?" The kind-hearted clerk filled a large basket with food and gave it to the boy, who quickly departed.

In a few minutes he again entered the store.

"What's the trouble now?" said the clerk.

"Mamma sent me back to get the trading stamps," the lad replied.

The Washington State Department on Tuesday called Ambassador Penfield at Vienna to request from the Austro-Hungarian Government complete details of the sinking of the Italian steamer Ancona.

BUYING HOLY KISMA

British Advertiser for Raw Silk for All Important Veil.

The British Government has just advertised for bids of silk for the Holy Veil. This annual gift has done more than anything else to keep Egypt loyal to England and dear to Turkey.

When Turkey sent fanatics throughout Egypt to stir up a "holy war" the natives of Egypt pointed to the Holy Veil as evidence of England's understanding and sympathy with Mohammedanism. Again, at a time for the making of the veil has come, and an order has been placed for raw silk, of which 1,195 pounds are needed.

The Holy Veil is used for the covering in Mecca, Arabia, of the Ka'aba, a building almost forty feet cube, into the south-west corner of which is built a small black meteoric stone, a little larger than the size of a man's hand, reported to have been given to Abraham by the Archangel Gabriel. The Ka'aba is supposed to be erected on the spot where Abraham offered up Isaac in sacrifice. It is the very central point of Mohammedan faith.

The Ka'aba, except for about fifteen days in the year, is covered from sight by a veil. In Mohammed's life, and for some years afterward, this veil was made of a striped Yemen cloth. But when the Mohammedan caliphs took power and wealth—such as that of Haroun-al-Raschid, of "Arabian Nights" fame—it became the custom of the caliph to present each year a marvellously beautiful brocaded silk veil to cover the entire structure.

When the caliphate dynasties fell it became more and more difficult for the Mohammedans to secure this costly veil each year, and wealthy men secured paradise for themselves by making a present of such a veil when the old one became worn.

When England secured control of Egypt, English diplomats showed a new understanding of native customs by making the Mohammedans feel that the old days of the glories of Egypt had returned. They promised to give annually to Mecca a brocaded veil to cover the entire building, as has been done by caliphs of a thousand years before.

Now, every year, there is specially woven a heavy veil of brocaded silk, covering nearly 8,000 square feet of material. The lower edges are bordered with verses from the Koran, worked in gold bullion thread.

This Kisma or Holy Veil is removed from the Ka'aba on the 25th day preceding the annual Hajj, and the building is left bare until the 10th of the month succeeding. On the third day of the feast the old Kisma is cut into small pieces and these are sold to the faithful.

As there are 21,000,000 Mohammedans, and each is expected to make a pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in his life, often nearly a million people gather for the feast. Large though the veil is, the poor pilgrims can sometimes only secure a few threads of it.

The British Government follows the tradition of the Mohammedans, and the entire veil is made by native Egyptians who are hajji, or believers who have made the pilgrimage to Mecca. An official of the Government accompanies the veil till it is nearly to its destination.

Lightning as Cure. When a man is struck by lightning, in nine cases out of ten it is either a cure, or, for, though many deaths occur as a result of lightning stroke, marvellous cures of infirmity are often effected by the same means.

The other day the papers reported the case of a man who had been deaf for three years being struck by lightning. For some time he was unconscious. When he regained consciousness he found to his delight, that he could hear once more.

In another case lightning was the cause of the restoration of sight. For some time, owing to age and infirmity, a man had lost the sight of his right eye. He never expected to regain it. Walking along a common he was caught in a thunderstorm; the lightning struck him, but, far from doing him bodily harm, he found, when he had got over the shock, that he could see with his right eye as well as with his left.

Fresh Fish Balls. With a silver fork pick some remnants of cooked fish—and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Pass through a vegetable ricer a few hot potatoes; to these add a little fish stock or sauce or cream, also salt, pepper, and beat as for mashed potatoes. To the fish add just enough of the hot potato to hold the fish together. Shape into balls, roll in crumbs and egg, then in fine crumbs, and fry in deep fat.

Beaten Biscuit. Add a tablespoonful of salt and a tablespoonful of butter to a quart of flour. Rub them together, then add a cupful of milk and, if necessary, a little water to make a stiff dough. Place the dough on a firm table or block and beat with a mallet or rolling pin for fully half an hour, or until it becomes brittle. Spread in half an inch thick, cut into small circles, and prick each one with a fork. Bake in a hot oven for twenty minutes.

Chicken Pie. Line sides of a baking dish with a biscuit dough. Cook chicken until tender, season with salt and pepper and a little sage if desired. Put meat into dish lined with the dough, pour in a part of the gravy and cover dish with biscuit dough. Cut a hole the size of a dollar in the cover, and cover this with a piece of dough.

Hiccoughs. The hiccough is an inspiration checked suddenly by closure of the glottis. This inspiration is caused by spasmodic contraction of the diaphragm and if long continued leads to exhaustion and, in rare instances, to death.

A deputation told the Ontario Cabinet that 5,000 teachers favor the suppression of the school system.

The Toronto Board of Control failed to select a fire chief, although four names were considered.

"WINSTON" AT HOME

Churchill is Full of Fun and Boyish Pranks.

The popular conception of Mr. Winston Churchill is that he is a delicate man, who works on his nerves and enthusiasm. This impression, no doubt, arises from his pallor, his very white, fair skin making him look delicate. This is accentuated by his almost constant habit of bending his head forward, which gives him the appearance of a slight stoop.

The real truth is, however, that Mr. Churchill is a strongly-built, muscular person, who takes a very healthy interest in his meals. "With Winston dinner is a sacred institution," says The Strand Magazine. He never misses his grub. Very few men could perform the amount of work which he does, and fewer still could bear the constant strain and anxiety to which he has been subjected for many months past.

Mr. Churchill starts work early in the morning. If you are privileged to interview him in his bedroom, say at eight o'clock, you will find him sitting up in bed busily writing page after page of memoranda or dictating to his shorthand writer. Mr. Churchill writes a beautiful hand, and makes comparatively few alterations in what he writes. He has the literary mind and literary habit. He thinks over his sentences before he writes them, and, as a rule, when written they require very little change.

He usually rises about nine o'clock, and in the course of dressing frequently does more writing or dictating. After he is dressed, if his engagements will permit, he takes a short ride in the Park, either alone or with Mrs. Churchill.

A delightful companion, always full of interesting subjects for conversation, he has a fund of good stories, and is always ready with some opposite allusion.

Mr. Churchill has a wonderful memory for verses. Three of his favorite poets are Burns, Kipling, and Lindsay Gordon. Long before the war he was fond of quoting Burns' well-known verse:

For gold the merchant ploughs the main,
The farmer ploughs the manor;
But glory is the soldier's prize,
The soldier's wealth is honor.
The brave poor soldier ne'er despise,
Nor count him as a stranger;
Remember he's his country's stay
In day and hour of danger.

Mr. Churchill has many relaxations; one of his chief delights is the preparation and delivery of a fine peroration.

He already uses spectacles for reading and writing, and his face bears evidence of much mental work and responsibility. He is a singular combination of youthfulness and age. He loves to wear rather old-fashioned-looking hats and clothes. On the other hand, when away from work he is often full of fun and boyish pranks.

Tact in the Army. Military etiquette demands that when a party of British officers are saluted by a British private the senior officer alone acknowledges the salute. When, on the other hand, the salute is given by a French private the acknowledgement is made by all our officers. This may seem a trivial point, but in reality it is not so. By this act of courtesy we daily show to the French our consciousness that if we are their Allies we are also their guests in their country. And where the officers give the lead our men are quick to follow. You have only to wander about the country to see the excellent terms on which we are with everybody.

Bottling Funeral Tears. The natives of Persia bottle the tears of those in grief, especially mourners at a funeral; in fact, bottling tears is one of the chief features of the ceremony. Each of the mourners is presented with a sponge to mop his face and eyes, and after the burial these sponges are given up to a priest, who squeezes the tears into bottles, which he keeps.

It is believed that bottled tears are a most effective remedy for certain chronic ailments. The custom is one of the oldest in the East, and has been practised by the Persians for thousands of years. Mention of it is made in the Old Testament.

A Definition. They were talking about a promising young man who had failed to make good as a traveling salesman. The first man said to the other man:

"It was queer about the boy. He seemed to be a regular whirlwind. His first trip was a rattling success, but all he brought back from his second trip was a bunch of foolish excuses."

"What was it you called him—a whirlwind?"

"Yes."

"I see. All 'whirl' at the beginning and 'wind' at the finish."

An Index. Little Timothy went to visit his Aunt Elvira, a dignified and severe woman, who owned a parrot. One morning, coming unexpectedly upon Timothy and the bird, she was horrified to hear the little boy using some profane words.

"Why, Timothy," cried the old lady, "do believe you're trying to teach my parrot to swear?"

"Oh, no, I'm not, auntie," the boy replied; "I'm just telling it what it mustn't say."

The Best Cure. Little Paul, having disobeyed his mother, was sent to bed in the middle of the day to think over his faults and keep out of further mischief. An hour or so after he was given permission to get up and dress, and soon he appeared rosy cheeked and happy.

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